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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**
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9 PERCY LAVAE BACON,

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 OSWALD REYES,

13 Defendant.
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Case No. 2:12-CV-01222-GMN-(VCF)

ORDER

15 Petitioner, who is a prisoner in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, has
16 submitted an application to proceed in forma pauperis (#1). On at least three occasions this court
17 has dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted actions commenced by
18 plaintiff while he was a prisoner.¹ Plaintiff cannot proceed in forma pauperis in this action unless
19 he is in imminent danger of serious physical injury. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Plaintiff alleges that
20 he is suffering from kidney failure and that the defendants are not treating his condition properly.
21 The court will assume for the purposes of this order that plaintiff satisfies the requirement of
22 § 1915(g). Even satisfying that requirement, the standard requirements for a prisoner seeking leave
23 to proceed in forma pauperis still apply. Plaintiff did not include with his application (#1) a
24 financial certificate and a copy of his inmate account statement, as required by 28 U.S.C.
25 § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2. Plaintiff knows of these requirements, because the court
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28 ¹See Bacon v. Webster, 2:05-CV-01267-PMP-(GWF); Bacon v. Laswell, 2:09-CV-02058-PMP-(PAL); Bacon v. State of Nevada, 2:10-CV-01451-KJD-(LRL).

1 recently dismissed another action, Bacon v. Burson, 2:12-CV-01027-JCM-(RJJ), for the same reason.

2 Even if the court were to overlook the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1915, plaintiff has
3 alleged facts that show that the court cannot grant him any relief. “No action shall be brought with
4 respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner
5 confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are
6 available are exhausted.” 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a). Unlike 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), there is no exception
7 in § 1997e(a) for a prisoner who is facing a serious injury. Plaintiff admits in a motion (#2) that he
8 has not pursued administrative remedies for his medical problems. Normally, this is an affirmative
9 defense to be raised by the defendants. However, if plaintiff is in as much danger as he claims to
10 be, then he needs to pursue those administrative remedies as quickly as possible before he can
11 commence a civil action in this court. Therefore, the court will dismiss the action on its own
12 motion.

13 Plaintiff argues unpersuasively that Cheryl Burson, a prison official, has threatened him if
14 he pursues a grievance. Administrative Regulation (“AR”) 740.09 of the Nevada Department of
15 Corrections does allow for punishment of inmates who abuse the grievance procedure. If plaintiff
16 has been as abusive of the prison grievance procedure as he has been with this court, it is
17 understandable that Burson has warned him not to file any more frivolous grievances. However,
18 AR 740.09 does not prohibit a vexatious prisoner from filing a substantial grievance. If plaintiff
19 does file a substantial grievance and prison officials still take action against him, then plaintiff
20 might have a claim of retaliation. See Barnett v. Centoni, 31 F.3d 813, 815-16 (9th Cir. 1994) (per
21 curiam). Nonetheless, plaintiff still needs to exhaust his administrative remedies before he can
22 commence an action in this court.

23 Plaintiff has submitted a motion to use the purchased money order (#3). He refers back to
24 the earlier dismissed action, Bacon v. Burson, 2:12-CV-01027-JCM-(RJJ). The court did not
25 receive any money in that action, and the court denies this motion.

26 Plaintiff has submitted a motion to seek equitable tolling or, in the alternative, equitable
27 estoppel (#4). He appears to complain that a state court dismissed an action because he failed to
28 exhaust his administrative remedies. This motion is moot because, regardless of what happened in

1 state court, plaintiff needs to exhaust his administrative remedies before he can proceed in federal
2 court.

3 Plaintiff has submitted motions for a permanent injunction or, in the alternative, a temporary
4 restraining order (#5, #6). Plaintiff asks the court to order him released to residential confinement
5 or transitional housing. There, plaintiff alleges, he will be eligible for a kidney transplant. When
6 plaintiff seeks release from incarceration, his sole federal remedy is through a petition for a writ of
7 habeas corpus. Preiser v. Rodriguez, 411 U.S. 475, 500 (1973). The court does not have the power
8 to grant plaintiff the relief that he seeks in this action.

9 Plaintiff has submitted a motion for appointment of counsel (#7). This motion is moot
10 because the court is dismissing the action.

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis
12 (#1) is **DENIED**.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to seek leave of the court to serve the
14 "administrative claim" without the Nevada Department of Corrections' institutional grievance form
15 (#2) is **DENIED**.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to use the purchased money order (#3)
17 is **DENIED**.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to seek equitable tolling or, in the
19 alternative, equitable estoppel (#4) is **DENIED** as moot.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's motions for a permanent injunction or, in the
21 alternative, a temporary restraining order (#5, #6) are **DENIED** as moot.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel (#7) is
23 **DENIED** as moot.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice for
2 plaintiff's failure to exhaust his administrative remedies. The court certifies that an appeal from
3 this action is not taken in good faith. The clerk of the court shall enter judgment accordingly.

4 DATED: July 23, 2012

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7 GLORIA M. NAVARRO
United States District Judge
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